

Pitcher Willis Eby Asks Griffith to Give Him a Tryout With the Nationals

PITCHER EBY GETS TRIAL FROM GRIFF

Twirler From York, Pa., Asks Boss for Tryout, and Nationals' Manager Will Look Him Over — "Cy" Morgan Balks At Going Back.

Probable Line-up.

ST. LOUIS.	WASHINGTON.
Shotten, cf.	Moeller, rf.
Jantzen, rf.	Foster, 3b.
Kutina, 1b.	Milan, cf.
Pratt, ss.	Gandil, 1b.
Laporte, 2b.	Morgan, 2b.
Austin, 3b.	Almquist, c.
Compton, 1b.	Williams, c.
Stephens, c.	McBride, ss.
Krichell, c.	Shanks, 1b.
C. Brown, p.	Groom, p.
Powell, p.	Cashion, p.
Hamilton, p.	Pelly, p.

By "SENATOR"

Willis Eby, a tall strapping, who wishes to be a big league hurler, has joined the Nationals for a trial, and Manager Griffith says he will look him over for several days before coming to a decision as to his future.

Eby, a semi-professional pitcher from York, Pa., is a husky lad, standing about six feet up into the — and tipping the beam around 175 pounds. He flings from the orthodox side, and is out for Walter Johnson's crown of glory.

"I don't know anything about the boy, but he's built right for a pitcher, and may have some stuff," said Manager Griffith to the writer today. "I'm willing to try out anybody that looks worth a trial, and he'll get plenty of chance to show what he has before I let go of him."

Krause Comes Back.

Harry Krause is coming back to the American League. Only last May he was sent to Toledo by Connie Mack and now he has been obtained by the Cleveland club in exchange for Willie Mitchell, the southpaw failure with the Naps.

"BUDDY" RYAN MAY GET SACK AND BE SENT TO MINORS

Influence On Inside Works Against Player's Retention With Club.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 19.—It would not be surprising to find "Buddy" Ryan propped from the rolls of the Naps within a few weeks. He has been a constant failure ever since he joined Harry Davis' outfit in the South for the training work. On the Pacific coast he was a slugger, hammering long drives to right field. Here he is hitting to left field, and cannot seem to hit his stride.

Manager Davis believes that Ryan will yet make good, but there are influences working against the player's retention, and it is said that he will be sent back to the coast at the first good opportunity.

BIG LEAGUE GAMES.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	R.H.E.
At St. Louis.....	030 43000x-10 13
Brooklyn.....	000 20000-2 10
Batteries—Herman and Wingo; Barker, Stack and Miller. Umpires—Johnson and Eason.	
At Cincinnati (first game).....	R.H.E.
Boston.....	301 001021-8 13 1
Cincinnati.....	000 100 001-2 8 5
Batteries—Perdue and Kling; Suggs and McLean. Umpires—Klem and Bush.	
(Second game).....	R.H.E.
Cincinnati.....	212 00110x-7 14 0
Boston.....	100 000 000-1 2 3
Batteries—Benton and Clarke; Hess and Rariden. Umpires—Klem and Bush.	
At Chicago (first game).....	R.H.E.
Philadelphia.....	401 010 000-9 10 1
Chicago.....	000 211 01201-8 21 2
Batteries—Brennan and Killifer; Ritchie and Archer. Umpires—Rigler and Finnegan.	
(Second game).....	R.H.E.
Chicago.....	000 20200x-4 9 1
Philadelphia.....	200 000 000-2 7 0
Batteries—Reubach and Archer; Seaton and Doolin. Umpires—Rigler and Finnegan.	
At Pittsburgh—Glants-Pittsburgh game postponed—rain.	

Others Also Shine.

Rube Marquard has been the pitching sensation of the National League because of his winning streak, but Nap Rucker, Marty O'Toole, Rube Benson, Larry Cheney, Jimmy Lavender, George Tyler, and Harry Camnitz have pitched good ball so far this season.

Support Weak Pitchers.

Frank Baker and Eddie Collins have kept the Mackmen in the race this year, when weak pitching might have tumbled the team into the second division. Their batting has been hard and consistent against all kinds of pitching.

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BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice.

"Inside" Baseball Writing.

I can stand for "porridge finger"—
I can hear with "hurling bill"
I may even stay and linger
When they call the ball a "piff"
But this is where I stand before—
Where on my sword I fall—
"He pulled a swell catch out in left,"
Or "Pitcher masterly ball."

I claim to be no leader
At dishing out the gab;
I often slip a feeder
Which hungry bugs may grab;
But of these I am not one,
Nor do I stand alone,
When some one "appears a hot one,"
Or some one "pulls a bone."

If the two New York and Boston clubs insist on remaining where they are at this penning, kindly permit us to go on record as suggesting a world series jubilee between the two commonwealths of balldom beyond all past history; a jubilee embracing an October clash to decide the best and the worst teams toiling under the game's Big Tent. While Red Sox and Giants—should both win—are clashing in Boston, let Yanks and Braves whizz together in New York, reversing dates until the show is over. Why leave all the glory to the folks on top? The tallenters has his side of it no less subtle than the winner. Think it over, anyway.

Neither Giants nor Red Sox are pennant certainties. But having put the burden of proof up to the other bloke is that much of an edge, whatever the game.

Mathewson has now achieved 304 victories in his big league run. Cy Young nipped 504 conquests, but we are now discussing human records only.

A tailend club needs new and ambitious talent worse than ball clubs in the race. But this doesn't make it any softer or gentler for new and ambitious talent. Brooklyn needs Nap Rucker badly, but it is said that Mr. Mack could get along almost as well without Brooklyn.

The chief feature of Washington's spurt is that Fate at last has given Walter Johnson a chance to work for

a winning club. And the big Swede is going to it like a starved bulldog jammed into the same ring with a juicy steak. Any time they beat his hand now they've got a couple of aces slipped from the deck and tucked away in easy reach. Most of them now have drawn their shot at pennant dreams but Rucker. All Nap has to do is pitching shut-out ball for a chance to tie. This and the consolation of knowing that he "should have won." "Should have won," set up in the public prints, must be a rare cluster of sardonic humor to the great southpaw, who has lamped it on an average of once a week for about six years.

Now that Ray Collins has come through, Colonel Mack's job looks tougher than ever. Uncertain pitching was the one early shadow upon Boston's hope, but Stahl today carries a staff able to cope with the field. Cutting a ten-game lead away from this club will require what is technically known as considerable punch. The Macklin machine carried it once—carried it with a vengeance—but this is 1912, and if the procession intends to start the hour is well-nigh ripe.

"Even Washington has come back in this come back age," suggests a scribe. Why "come back"? Since when were the Senators there before in the daily standing of the clubs? Not knocking their past, we have a faint idea this was a new and almost bizarre experience for the D. of C.

Harry Wolverton Says He'll Have Contender In American League

Harry Wolverton refuses to quit. In the face of all his troubles in New York, the chubby leader of the hopeless Highlanders says: "I've got to go slowly in this building-up process, but I'm going to get there. I'm going to put a team in New York that will be a contender from the drop of the hat. But this isn't done in a minute; but it can be done, and I'm going to do it."

BUT FOUR PLAYERS NOW WITH DETROIT EXPECTED TO STAY

Other Talent to Figure In Deals to Strengthen the Tigers.

DETROIT, Mich., July 19.—Ty Cobb, Sam Crawford, Oscar Stanage, and Owen Bush, are said to be the only players sure to be with the Tigers in 1913. The recent purchase of Deal, the third baseman of the Jackson team, is said to be the first move in the campaign to strengthen the Tigers, and that it will continue from now on until Detroit once more lands a pennant.

George Moriarty has a chance to hold his job on account of his really high class work at first base, but a better hitter may oust him from that position. Dave Jones, one of the veterans, is doomed to shift the scenery surrounding his activities. Jim Delahanty's lack of condition and his poor work this season has put him on the bad books, too. Dubuc, alone of all the pitchers seems certain of playing here another season. Mullin's recent good work is looked upon as a flash in the pan. The rest of the corps may be used in trades.

May Attempt Another Wells-Johnson Match

NEW YORK, July 19.—Bombardier Wells, the heavyweight champion of England, started talk of another attempt at matching Jack Johnson by defeating Tom Kennedy of this city, at Madison Square Garden last night. Kennedy went down twice in the eighth, and took the count the second time. Six thousand persons saw the fight.

Johnson and Wells were matched to fight in London about a year ago. Because of the authorities the match was called off. Today many who saw last night's bout want to see that match rescheduled for this side.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.	Today.
Won. Lost. Pct. Win. Loss.	
Boston.....	58 27 .684 .596 .674
WASHINGTON.....	52 34 .605 .609 .598
Philadelphia.....	48 36 .571 .576 .563
Chicago.....	45 37 .549 .554 .542
Cleveland.....	43 43 .500 .506 .494
Detroit.....	41 44 .482 .488 .477
St. Louis.....	35 47 .426 .431 .424
New York.....	23 56 .292 .291 .278

Games Today.
St. Louis at Washington.
Chicago at Boston.
Cleveland at New York.
Detroit at Philadelphia.

Yesterday's Results.
All games postponed account of rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.	Today.
Won. Lost. Pct. Win. Loss.	
New York.....	59 29 .747 .750 .728
Chicago.....	49 39 .620 .625 .613
Pittsburgh.....	46 32 .590 .595 .582
Cincinnati.....	42 41 .512 .517 .509
Philadelphia.....	37 39 .487 .494 .481
St. Louis.....	35 50 .412 .419 .407
Brooklyn.....	25 57 .302 .309 .304
Boston.....	23 60 .277 .286 .271

Games Today.
Brooklyn at St. Louis.
Boston at Cincinnati.
New York at Pittsburgh.
Philadelphia at Chicago.

Yesterday's Results.
Philadelphia, 9; Chicago, 8.
Chicago, 4; Philadelphia, 1.
Boston, 8; Cincinnati, 2.
Cincinnati, 7; Boston, 2.
St. Louis, 10; Brooklyn, 2.
New York-Pittsburgh—rain.

Wolgate-Rivers Match Not to Be Scheduled

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 19.—All hope that promoter Tom McCarney may have had of matching Al Wolgate and Joe Rivers for a return battle Labor Day, was abandoned today, following a statement issued by the champion, which declared Wolgate would not don the gloves again for six months.

Pan Heinie Zimmerman For Indecent Language On Cardinals' Grounds

Heinie Zimmerman, the crack third baseman and leading slugger of the Chicago Cubs, was recently fined \$50 for using indecent language on the field in St. Louis and is being soundly panned all over the National League circuit. It pays to have a good reputation, even in baseball, and Zimmerman will long be remembered in St. Louis, but not for his hitting.

KLING MAKES CASH BID FOR CORRIGON TO SHAPE UP TEAM

Devlin, Jackson, and McDonald May Go to the Minors.

BOSTON, Mass., July 19.—Manager Johnny Kling has offered \$5,000 for "Red" Corrigan, the crack shortstop of the Kansas City club of the American Association, and has also put in a bid for "Jap" Barbeau, the midget third baseman once with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

If the deal goes through for these two men, it is expected that Arthur Devlin, George Jackson, and Eddie McDonald will go to the minor league club to gether with a bunch of coin.

GRIFFMEN LEAD RIVALS IN FORM

Nationals' Recent Work Better Than Leaders of League. If Red Sox Weaken Climbers Could Soon Leap Into Front in Race.

(Continued from First Page.)

from the Capital set up a shining mark. Boston was able to oust the Chicago club from first place through a combination of its own steady playing, and the complete failure of the Chicago club to endure the pace.

Shade On Boston.

Since June 1 no other clubs but these four have occupied the leading half of the standing and comparison of their work is illuminating. It shows that the Nationals have a shade on the Red Sox in the last seven weeks, that they lead by a fair margin the world's champions and have run away from the White Sox.

Here is what the four clubs have done since June 1 until today:

Nationals	W.	L.	Pct.
Nationals.....	34	13	.723
Boston.....	31	14	.700
Philadelphia.....	31	20	.608
Chicago.....	17	25	.405

The Nationals have almost doubled their victorious percentage in the last seven weeks, showing greater gains than any one of the other three contenders. They have, on the face of it, an equal chance with the Red Sox to land the pennant and a better chance than either the Mackmen or the White Sox.

The team winning a hundred games will come close to landing the flag in the American League this year. To achieve these victories the Red Sox need to travel at a 590 clip for the remainder of the season. The Nationals must keep on winning an average of .590. The world's champions have a 590 pace to attain if they would land a hundred victories.

Here's where the long-overdue slump

on the part of the Red Sox may come in handy. The Nationals have been through their evil days. The Mackmen have suffered in silence and have recovered. Only the leaders have gone along without a slip or a miss.

White Sox Drop.

The White Sox dropped from a winning percentage of .700 to .405 in seven weeks. The Red Sox may do likewise. But the moment they pass below a continuous winning percentage of .500 danger looms ahead of them.

The Nationals are rushing along at a .723 speed on their high gear. They have been through their slump and ought to be able to last. They are in an excellent position from which to prance out ahead of them all the moment the expected misfortune hits the Red Sox. No team has ever gone through an entire season without a slump of some kind and the Red Sox will establish a record if they do it this year.

Once the Nationals grab that first place, nothing but superhuman effort will dislodge them from it, judging from the figures themselves. They have sixty-eight games yet to play, Boston has sixty-nine, Philadelphia seventy, and Chicago seventy-two. Manager Griffith is planning his campaign carefully. Once he reaches a strategic position, he will use the position from which to stand the pace in order to get the jump on the bunch.

This attempt to land the pennant by Griffith's men is no mere idle dream. It is based on common sense and the figures prove it. Today they are six and one-half games behind the leaders, three games ahead of the Mackmen, and five games ahead of the White Sox and they are traveling faster than even the Red Sox. Think it over for yourself.

Minor League Results.

American Association.

Minneapolis, 5; Indianapolis, 3; first game.

Minneapolis, 10; Indianapolis, 7; second game.

Kansas City, 4; Columbus, 12.

Milwaukee, 8; Toledo, 5.

St. Paul, 7; Louisville, 2.

Tristate League.

All games postponed on account of rain.

International League.

Toronto, 4; Rochester, 1.

Montreal, 5; Buffalo, 4.

Newark, 4; Providence, 0.

Jersey City-Baltimore postponed; rain.

New England League.

Brooklyn, 1; New Bedford, 5 (six innings); rain.

Worcester at Haverhill; Lynn at Lowell, and Fall River at Lawrence, postponed; rain.

Virginia League.

Roanoke-Newport News game postponed on account of rain. Two games today.

Norfolk, 5; Petersburg, 2.

Richmond, 7; Portsmouth, 2.

South Atlantic League.

Albany, 2; Jacksonville, 1.

Savannah, 6; Columbia, 1.

 Columbus, 7; Macon, 4. |

Southern League.

Birmingham, 3; Nashville, 2.

Memphis, 3; Montgomery, 2.

Carolina Association.

Charlotte, 4; Spartanburg, 1.

Greenville, 9; Greensboro, 1 (eleven innings).

Winston-Salem, 5; Anderson, 0.

Appalachian League.

Morristown, 4; Cleveland, 2.

Asheville, 3; Bristol, 5.

DIAMOND DOPE

Eddie Gagner, with the Nationals this spring at Charlottesville, is utility man with Indianapolis.

Norman Elberfeld, the "Tabasco Kid" of the American League, is making a hit with the fans of Montgomery, in the Southern League, and is a contender in the shortfield and his timely hitting.

"Dare-devil" Dan Moeller, the Rochester rambler, is unfortunate in having a weak shoulder which handicaps him considerably in staying in the game. However, the youngster has more than made good in his first year in the league, and should be a greater success next season.

The general fielding play of Eddie Collins, the Mackmen's star second baseman, has fallen off greatly this season, and now Jack Barry is touted as the best infielder with the world's champions. Collins is hitting well, though.

Johnny McGraw considers the National League flag already won, and is now banking on his line-up for the world's series. However, by that time he may be having troubles of his own, and it would not be surprising to have the Giants lose the world's title, despite their good work this year.

The stellar twirling of Bob Groom has been marked all over the American League circuit. The toothpick twirler is a reliable man when he can get any batting behind him. His curve ball is as good as the best in either big league, and he is dreaded most by the world's champions.

American Jockeys Win.

LONDON, July 19.—T. Pilkington's Prince Patience won the Eclipse stakes at Sandown Park today. Lord Derby's Steadfast and J. B. Joel's Lycan finished second and third, respectively. The American jockeys, Frank O'Neill and Danny Maher, rode first and second. The race is worth \$50,000.

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